

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. When large
companies control
the airwaves, we do
not hear a diversity
of viewpoints. For
democracy to
function, the
public must be able
to access multiple
viewpoints from all
forms of media. The
broadcast media in
particular reach a
high percentage of
the electorate and
it is therefore
imperative that they
feature a broad
array of viewpoints.

This is one of the
issues that I am
most passionate
about because media
consolidation
undermines the root
of a democratic
society.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. Thank
you.